

BINGHAMTON UNIVERSITY

THE GRADUATE COUNCIL- MEETING MINUTES

October 24, 2022

3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

PLACE: Zoom / Couper Administration, AD-148

PRESIDING: Gretchen Mahler, Interim Dean of the Graduate School

MEMBERS: Christopher Bartlette, Nicole Rouhana, Hiroki Sayama, Paul Chiarot, Nicole Fenty, Suzanne McLeod, Yetrib Hathout Yvonne Johnston, Jeroen Gerritis Thomas Powell, Rory Eckardt, Ann Fronczek, Patrick Madden, Scott Craver Jeremy Blackburn, Bogum Yoon, Michael Jacobson, Andreas Pape,

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS: Ellen Tilden, Yongabi Ngoh, Junghyun Cho, Kristina Marty, Jillian Sandy, Pamela Stewart Fahs, KarenBeth Bohan

EXCUSED/ABSENT: Danielle Dunne, Niyazi Bodu, Carl Lipo, Norah Henry, Joshua Reno, Nathan Tumey, Jeff Pietras, GSO President

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Dean Mahler called the meeting to order at 3:33 p.m.

II. Minutes from the October 24, 2022 meeting

The minutes from the September 19, 2022 meeting were approved as written. Yvonne Johnston made the motion and Nicole Rouhana second the motion. All in favor to approve the minutes and none opposed.

III. Committees

Academic Standards Committee – The committee met on October 3, 2022

- Grievance and severance policies and recommended practices
 - Under grad has a well-defined grievance policy
 - Graduate programs tend to not have well-defined grievance process
 - If a college-level process is in place there does not need to be an individual process for each program
 - Students need to have access to process and know where to go for the policy
 - Documentation matters

- Nursing/ PharmD has a policy that students must sign off that they have read the handbook
- Graduate School does not have a similar policy
- Graduate School will provide a template for information that should be there so every department and DGS does not have to start from scratch
- Handbooks are linked to the Bulletin in Nursing to make sure policies are more consistent with the Bulletin
- Graduate program handbook templates
 - Project to gather online handbooks
 - About 36 of 65 programs do not seem to have a handbook online
 - Older Graduate handbook template exists going to start to update
 - Ideas for items you think should be in the handbook send to Andreas
 - Academic Standards Committee will be working on this project
 - Some handbooks are not public facing
 - Next phase is reaching out to the departments
 - Prefer handbooks should be public facing for new students applying

Diversity Committee - The committee met on October 17, 2022

- Update on Clark Fellowships
 - Funding for Clark Fellows starting in the spring
- Clark Fellow suggestions from past Clark students
 - More social activities
 - Coffee hours (informal)
 - Students from different department talking about experiences
- Similar idea for the Fulbright students

Professional Development Committee - The committee met on October 19, 2022

- Graduate Academic Consultants
 - 2 writing and 2 stats consultants provide more value relative to only 1 consultant for more hours for each
 - Work is in progress to make the consultants permanent
 - Graduate School is paying for this out of our Foundation Funds
 - Gathering data on the use of the consultants
- Digital and Data Studies opportunities for graduate students
 - Computation skills can complement any major

- Graduate certificate hard to do into a standing Graduate Program
- Possible Micro credential
- Still in the discussion phase

Budget and Grievance Committee – This committee has not met

IV. New Business

- Link to [the drive](#)
- October 2022 folder will see the Graduate School exit survey
 - Given to all Graduate Students after they leave
 - The student's thoughts about their time at Binghamton University
 - Open ended comments can see what students are saying about the specific colleges
 - Survey is long but top 5 things scored well and top 5 things scored poorly summarized results
 - Useful for Graduate Directors and Grad Council try to improve programs
 - Can we have access to the last five years of data?
 - Results from the last 10 years shared in the drive
 - Can I share this with faculty/ was sent to all Deans?
 - Check with Deans first

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m. Yvonne Johnston made the motion and Hiroki Sayama second the motion. All in favor to adjourn the meeting and none opposed.

Minutes recorded by Nicole Smith
Administrative Assistant to the Dean